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## City of San Diego's "TreeFest" to Celebrate National Arbor Day on April 30

**SAN DIEGO** – In observance of 132<sup>nd</sup> annual National Arbor Day, the City of San Diego will host "TreeFest: A Celebration of Trees" on Friday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take place at the City's Ridgehaven "Green Building," 9601 Ridgehaven Court.

Arbor Day is a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. Founded in 1872, National Arbor Day is celebrated each year on the last Friday in April. TreeFest is being held by the City's Environmental Library, which is administered by both the City of San Diego Public Library and the Environmental Services Department. Open to the public, the Environmental Library is located at Ridgehaven in Suite 130.

As part of the TreeFest celebration, there will be special activities, tours and informational programs. Some of the activities scheduled include:

- **11 a.m. 1 p.m.** People for Trees, a San Diego urban forestry group, will discuss a program that provides free trees for your property or along your sidewalk.
- 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Randy Blum of the Environmental Services Department will lead Trees at Ridgehaven Tours around the onsite demonstration gardens and discuss the types of trees being grown.
- Throughout the Day Information programs will provide details about how you can receive free compost or mulch from the Miramar Greenery or where to buy a compost bin for \$19.95 (regularly \$80) or test your knowledge of trees with "Who Wants to be a Treellionaire?" contest.

For more information about "TreeFest," contact the Environmental Library at (858) 573-1213.

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